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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1913.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, at three o'clock, P. M.; the first Vice-President, in the absence of the PRESIDENT, in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved; and the list of donors to the Library during the last month was read by the Librarian.

The Cabinet-Keeper reported the gift of a bas-relief, in plaster, of the late Charles Gordon Greene, by Roger N. Burnham, of Boston, in 1909, from Dr. Charles Greene Cumston; of a bronze medallion of Worthington C. Ford, made by Theodore Spicer-Simson in 1911, from Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr.; of a bronze medal struck upon the elevation of Rt. Rev. William H. O'Connell to the Cardinalate, from Cardinal O'Connell; of a medal of New York City Hall, and several coins and store-cards, from Mr. Norcross; and of an old table, the bequest of Mrs. Caroline H. Dall, marked as follows:

This table was brought to this country in 1636, by John Crocker of Scituate, carried to Barnstable in 1639, and bequeathed to Job Crocker in 1680. It stood in one house, built of timber and adobe, from 1639 to 1870, when it was purchased by Dr. D. F. Lincoln.

In the absence of the Editor, the Vice-President reported the receipt of a collection of manuscripts from Albert Thorndike, found among the papers of his father, the late S. Lothrop Thorndike, a Resident Member of the Society. Among them are a few papers and memoranda of Hon. John Davis, of Plymouth; and a number of letters relating to the missionary work among the Indians of Martha's Vineyard and Mashpee, 1791 to 1808. Of the latter, four papers, 1791-1798, relate to the Gay Head Indians, including a letter of Benjamin Way, Governor of the New England Company in London about the

Company's farm on the island in charge of the Society in Boston for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America, also a list of the Indian children at Gay Head on May 14, 1798, under eighteen years of age. The letters of special interest in the collection are those, written to the Society for Propagating the Gospel by Rev. Gideon Hawley, missionary for the Society at Mashpee, from 1805 to his death in 1807, giving an account of his labors there.¹

Mr. SANBORN presented a photographic copy of a letter written by John Brown to Thomas Wentworth Higginson, dated at Charlestown, Virginia, November 4, 1859, sending a message to Mrs. Brown.

The VICE-PRESIDENT then said:

The marble bust of Rev. John Pierce, with the pedestal, now presented, is given by his granddaughters, Miss Agnes Blake Poor, Miss Lucy Tappan Poor and Mrs. Alfred D. Chandler. It was made by Thomas A. Carew, a Boston sculptor, and is probably a replica of the one given to Harvard College in June, 1850, by the friends of the Brookline minister, in memory of him as a graduate of the College and as Secretary of the Board of Overseers from 1816 to 1849. The Corporation records contain a communication from them with a subscription list to the amount of \$450, dated June 6, 1850, and an acknowledgment of its receipt by President Jared Sparks, dated July 2, 1850. Of this bust, now in Memorial Hall, our associate and benefactor, the late John Langdon Sibley, in his Diary writes as follows:

June 1, Saturday. To-day was brought and placed in the College Library a bust of Rev. John Pierce, of Brookline, with its pedestal. It has been made since the Doctor's decease from a painting and daguerreotype, and is a good likeness, though the artist never saw him but once and then in the pulpit. To some, however, it is possible that the breadth of the shoulders may not give a correct idea of the great breadth of the original. The work was by Carew, a stonecutter, who also made the bust of Rev. John Pierpont, which was given to the library by Dr. Buckingham.

¹ The Society already possessed a large collection of Gideon Hawley MSS., a part of which was given by Samuel S. Shaw.

The granddaughters of Dr. Pierce also give four volumes in folio kept by him, giving his "Salary" from February 1, 1798 to 1849, his "Expenses" from 1802 to August 18, 1849, and "Presents" received by him during the same period, all of which are kept with the closest attention to detail and are models of accuracy.

Dr. Pierce was born in Dorchester, on July 14, 1773, graduated from Harvard University in the class of 1793, and died in Brookline on August 24, 1849. He was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church in Brookline, on March 15, 1797, where his pastorate continued for more than half a century. He was elected a Resident Member of this Society on January 31, 1809, and at the end of a membership of more than forty years, he expressed his affection toward the Society by providing in his will for the gift of his "Memoirs," in eighteen volumes, beginning in 1803. These "Memoirs," received in 1858, after the death of his widow, written with the greatest care, contain, according to his own entry at the beginning, "transcripts of my opinions and feelings at the times when they were penned, written," as he says, "*calamo corrente*," and about various public occasions when he was present, such as ordinations, installations, conventions, anniversary occasions, dedications, exhibitions, commencements, and Phi Beta Kappa, at Cambridge, giving occasionally obituary notices and accounts of extraordinary events.

Dr. Pierce, in the early part of the century, was a good type of a Congregational minister. A pastorate then covered a long period, generally a lifetime, and there was little change in ministerial settlements. Ordinations and installations were events of great concern not only in church affairs but in town matters; and Dr. Pierce's Memoirs contain many interesting entries. They reflect the theological sentiments of the community quite as clearly as Judge Sewall's Diary gives the social gossip of his day. He attended sixty-three Commencements at College, and for fifty-four consecutive years, with one exception, he "set the tune" of St. Martin's to the hymn, at the dinner.

Among my early college recollections is Dr. Pierce in the pulpit of the chapel, where occasionally he used to preach in

exchange with Dr. Francis, or Dr. Noyes. With his long white hair and dignified appearance, he had all the bearing of a typical minister of a former generation. He was born before the Revolution, and bore well his part as a connecting link between two centuries. I heard him on the last time he led the singing at the Commencement dinner, in 1848. On Commencement day, 1849, owing to the inability of Dr. Pierce to attend, Mr. Sibley, at the request of a committee of the Corporation, took his place in setting St. Martin's tune, and continued to hold it for thirty-four consecutive years.

This Library is a fitting resting place for the gifts which come now as valuable companion pieces to Dr. Pierce's remarkable collection of Memoirs.

Reginald Heber Fitz, of Boston, was elected a Resident Member of the Society.

The Vice-President remarked that, by the election of Dr. Fitz, the membership of the Society is now full, for the fourth time in seventeen months; and that before the December Meeting, 1911, this condition of membership had not existed for a long period of time.

Mr. WINTHROP, Senior Member-at-Large of the Council, read the following

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

It is not often that the President is absent from the annual meeting, and Mr. Adams has been faithful to the duties of his office. Receiving an invitation from the University of Oxford to deliver four lectures on the Civil War, he is now in England upon that mission. He has been President for eighteen years, and in that time has missed five of the annual meetings.

The changes in membership in the last twelve months have been as follows:

Deaths:

Resident Members.

1882, James McKellar Bugbee Feb. 8, 1913.
1886, William Watson Goodwin June 6, 1912.

Elections:

Resident Members.

John Spencer Bassett	May 9, 1912.
Malcolm Storer	June 13, 1912.
Edwin Francis Gay	Dec. 12, 1912.

Corresponding Members.

William MacDonald	May 9, 1912.
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In the death of Alfred Baylies Page, the Society has lost a faithful and industrious assistant, who served it for nearly twenty-nine years in a number of capacities. His special interest was bibliography of Massachusetts colonial imprints, in which line he made not a few discoveries as well as solved doubtful points in issues of the press before 1700.

The Society published in November its edition of Bradford's *History of Plymouth Plantation*, in two volumes. No expense was spared in looking for material or in assuring a publication that should fittingly perpetuate this earliest full record of an English settlement in New England. The result has been generally accepted with praise, and there is every reason to believe that this will in fact be the "final word" on text, illustrations and explanations of the history of the early colonization of New England, a storehouse of information. The Winthrop volumes will follow the same general plan.

The volume of *Proceedings*, volume XLV in the series, contains the usual amount and variety of contributions. To confine the pages to original contributions would not be advisable, as it is difficult to obtain such contributions in needed number and subject. The absence of contributions by members who are connected with the history departments in the leading educational institutions in the State is noticeable. Actively engaged in the teaching of history and presumably conducting research work, it is regrettable that they do not offer for publication some results of their investigation.

The Society has a resident membership of one hundred members; the average attendance at the meetings for the past five years has been thirty-two. With nine meetings a year there is opportunity for at least twenty-five contributions in the form of original papers. This number has in some years been ex-

ceeded, but as not infrequently happens the papers are not of a nature to warrant publication, and a selection must be made. No rule of selection can be rigidly applied, but the paper should be of permanent historical value, based upon original investigation, and not of a partisan character. Of such papers the studies by Mr. Adams on the diplomacy of the Civil War may be mentioned as good examples. Intended as studies for a larger work, they embody material that has not before been published, treated in the true historical spirit.

The *Proceedings* is the proper place for printing historical documents. The available quantity of such documents is practically without limit, and this is true for the earlier as for the later periods of the history of state and nation.

So far as material for the *Collections* is concerned the Editor confesses to an excess. The Society not only possesses a great store of manuscript material which should be printed, but is made the keeper of other manuscript collections, with full authority to use them as may best advance the purposes of history. As an instance among its own collections the Pickering papers may be named. Though used by many investigators, they yet possess sufficient unused material to justify a full publication. Of the Winthrop collection only one-third has been printed, and what remains in manuscript is of great historical value not only to the history of Massachusetts, but to that of Connecticut, New York and New England. Such material should be printed; for as manuscript it remains unknown, and without an index of any description it is to all intents beyond the reach of the student. It is the same with the collections deposited with the Society, among which may be named the Wolcott-Huntington papers, and those of Henry Knox, of Jonathan Russell, of General Jacob Brown and of Marcus Morton. It is to be wished that the Society will soon be upon such a footing as will permit the printing of one volume of such collections each year, and in this manner add to the long series of important contributions it has made to every period of the history of Massachusetts. These contributions are more used every year, as the number of trained students of history increases.

The record of gifts shows how far the Society is regarded as the fit depository of historical material. The growth is slow,

but each year adds something which in time will prove of value, and every gift suggests others. From the libraries of our late members, Prof. Henry W. Haynes and Rev. Edward H. Hall, a number of books were received, as a rule of general interest, and so strengthening the working collection of the Society. Such books of reference are needed; but the real strength of the Society's library is still to be found in its large number of colonial imprints and in books of a curious nature which a public library of a general circulation would not wish and which properly fall within our province to collect and preserve. To add to these rare and curious issues of the press is under present conditions difficult, and the Society depends now, as it always has depended, upon the generosity of its members. In accessions of manuscript material the Society maintains its high position.

During the past year the repair and binding of manuscripts and early newspapers have continued, and the results fully justify the policy and expense. This unique and valuable material is being placed beyond the ordinary dangers attending its use, and the latest and best methods are employed to render it permanently safe.

In the last year the Society prepared a memorial to the General Court on the publication of the colonial and provincial archives of the State. A bill based upon the memorial was presented in the House of Representatives, by Mr. Frederic J. Grady, representative from Dedham, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. That Committee gave a hearing on March 13, at which Governor Long spoke for the Society, and Mr. Lefavour and Mr. Floyd also supported the measure. Massachusetts alone of the original thirteen States has not printed, or is not printing, its archives, the richest of all in historical material, and equally valuable for New England, New York and Canadian history. There is not a file of the printed Journals of the House of Representatives to be found in the State, and no part of the papers of the General Court has been published. In this respect Massachusetts is decidedly backward.

It only remains again to state the needs of the Society for larger funds. It occupies a field in some respects unique, but even in its proper sphere of action it feels the want of a larger

endowment. The collections now in its keeping impose expensive and necessary precautions; it has a valuable reputation to sustain; and the mere cost of doing what is essential tends to increase. The subject is properly one of general interest; for the Society has in the past been supported by the liberality of its members, and it must depend upon the same liberality in the future.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In presenting his annual report on the finances of the Society Mr. LORD said:

I desire to submit a brief report of the financial condition of the Society, summarizing what is set forth in greater detail in the printed report of the Treasurer.

The property of the Society may be conveniently divided as follows:

First: The land and buildings which stand on the books at \$97,990.32 and are valued by the City Assessors at \$196,000;

Second: The Library and Collections which have never been appraised or assessed, but whose value at a rough estimate is probably in excess of a million dollars; and

Third: The invested funds of the Society which are carried on the books as shown by the investment account at \$461,854.40, and which have a present market value of approximately \$536,000.

Of this sum, the two centenary funds stand at \$59,881.40, of which amount \$55,113.70 is the principal of the Sibley Centenary Fund and \$4767.70 of the Anonymous Fund. The income of these funds must be added to the principal until the expiration of a hundred years from their receipt, or until, in the case of the Sibley Centenary Fund, the year 2002, and, in the case of the Anonymous Fund, the year 1991.

The only gift or legacy received by the Treasurer during the past year was the legacy of \$1000 under the will of our former associate Professor Henry W. Haynes, which was added to the General Fund.

The gross income of the Society from all sources the past year was \$26,841.81, of which \$25,017.10 was the income of the

invested funds. From this must be deducted the income of the two centenary funds, which under the terms of the gift is to be added annually to the principal, amounting to \$2851.49, and leaving a balance applicable to all purposes of \$23,990.32.

Now the ordinary annual expenses of this Society are as follows, as appears from the report in detail:

Care and maintenance of building	\$2,453.08
Salaries and wages	12,564.44
Incidentals	693.92
Making a total of	<u>\$15,711.44</u>

and leaving a balance applicable to the publication of the *Proceedings* and the *Collections*, and to additions to the Library and Cabinet of \$8278.88.

The amount expended for those purposes in 1912 was \$8662.22, divided as follows:

Library and Cabinet	\$927.12
Publication of <i>Proceedings</i> and <i>Collections</i>	7,735.10
	<u>\$8,662.22</u>

or \$383.34 in excess of the annual income, and which amount was charged against the accumulated income of the publication funds.

I again call attention to this condition in order to emphasize the need of a substantial addition to the permanent funds if the publications are to be carried forward in the manner contemplated, and the collections in the Library and Cabinet increased by purchases.

Report.

In compliance with the requirements of the By-Laws, Chapter VII, Article 2, the Treasurer respectfully submits his Annual Report, made up to March 31, 1913.

The special funds now held by the Treasurer are thirty in number. The securities held by the Treasurer as investments on account of the above mentioned funds are as follows:

INVESTMENTS.

SCHEDULE OF BONDS.

Chicago & West Michigan R. R. Co.	5%	1921	\$14,000.00
Chicago & North Michigan R. R. Co.	5%	1931	1,000.00
Rio Grande Western R. R. Co.	4%	1939	5,000.00
Cincinnati, Dayton & Ironton R. R.	5%	1941	5,000.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R.	4%	1995	14,500.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R.	4%	1995 "adjustment"	9,000.00
Chicago Jct. & Union Stock Yards	5%	1915	13,000.00
Oregon Short Line R. R. Co.	5%	1946	10,000.00
Oregon Short Line R. R. Co.	4%	1929	10,000.00
Lewiston-Concord Bridge Co.	5%	1924	12,000.00
Boston & Maine R. R. Co.	4½%	1944	6,000.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	4%	1929	10,000.00
Northern Pacific & Gt. Northern R. R.	4%	1921 "joint"	50,000.00
Kansas City Stock Yards Co.	5%	1913 "convertible"	12,000.00
Long Island R. R. Co.	4%	1949	6,000.00
New York Central & Hudson River R. R.	4%	1934	15,000.00
Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Co.	4%	1951	10,000.00
Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western R. R.	4%	1946	2,000.00
Fitchburg R. R. Co.	4%	1927	9,000.00
Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield R. R.	5%	1925	3,000.00
Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill St. R. R.	5%	1923	2,000.00
West End Street Railway Co.	4%	1915	6,000.00
Washington Water Power Co.	5%	1939	10,000.00
United Electric Securities	5%		24,000.00
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. Co.	5%	1939	10,000.00
Western Tel. & Tel. Co.	5%	1932	5,000.00
Consolidated Gas & Elec. Co. of Baltimore	5%	1913	6,000.00
Seattle Electric Co.	5%	1929	5,000.00
New England Cotton Yarn Co.	5%	1929	5,000.00
Detroit Edison Co.	5%	1933	5,000.00
U. S. Steel Corporation	5%	1963	5,000.00
Boston Elevated Railway	5%	1942	8,000.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	5%	1932	10,000.00
United Zinc & Chemical Co.	5%	1928	30,000.00

(with 60 shares pf'd., and 60 common)

Par value \$347,500.00

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS.

50	Merchants National Bank, Boston	\$5,000.00
50	National Bank of Commerce, Boston	5,000.00
50	National Union Bank, Boston	5,000.00
50	Second National Bank, Boston	5,000.00
50	National Shawmut Bank, Boston	5,000.00
35	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	3,500.00
25	Old Colony R. R. Co.	2,500.00
25	Fitchburg R. R. Co. Pfd.	2,500.00
150	Chicago Jct. Rys. & Union Stock Yards Co. Pfd.	15,000.00
75	American Smelting & Refining Co. Pfd.	7,500.00
158	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. Co. Pfd.	15,800.00
302	Kansas City Stock Yards Co. Pfd.	30,200.00
10	Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.	1,000.00
6	Boston Real Estate Trust	6,000.00
5	State Street Exchange	500.00
120	Pacific Mills	12,000.00
52	Puget Sound Traction Light and Power Co. Pfd.	5,200.00
5	" " " " " " " " Common	500.00
1218	Shares Par value	<u>\$127,200.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF NOTES RECEIVABLE.

G. St. L. Abbott, Trustee, Mortgage 6%	\$6,000.00
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SCHEDULE OF SAVINGS BANK BOOKS.

M. A. Parker Fund	\$1,078.71
Brattle St. Church Model Fund	187.71
	<u>\$1,266.42</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Bonds, par value	\$347,500.00
Stocks, par value	127,200.00
Note receivable	6,000.00
Savings Bank Books	1,266.42
	<u>\$481,966.42</u>

Represented by Balance, Investment account \$461,854.40

The balance sheet follows and shows the present condition of the several accounts:

BALANCE SHEET, March 31, 1913.

Investment Account,		Funds, Exhibit III . . .	\$424,460.10
Exhibit I	\$461,854.40	Accumulated Income of	
Real Estate	97,990.32	Funds, Exhibit IV . . .	46,359.77
Cash on hand Exhibit II . .	8,965.47	Building Fund	72,990.32
		Ellis House	25,000.00
	<u>\$568,810.19</u>		<u>\$568,810.19</u>

EXHIBIT I.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Balance March 30, 1912	\$464,197.45
Bought during year:	
\$6000 United Electric Securities, Series 31	\$6,000.00
7000 " " " " "	7,000.00
25 Natl. Shawmut Bank	3,000.00
3000 United Electric Securities, Series 36	3,000.00
2000 New England Tel. & Tel. Co., 5%, 1932	2,000.00
8000 " " " " "	8,080.00
2 Shares Puget Sound T. L. & P. Co., Pfd.	200.00
8000 Boston Elevated Ry. Co., 5%, 1942	8,000.00
30 Shares Pacific Mills	3,000.00
3000 United Electric Securities, Series 23	3,000.00
Accrued Interest M. A. Parker Savings Bank Book . .	39.33
" " Brattle St. Church Model Bank Book	6.82
Total Addition	<u>43,326.15</u>
	\$507,523.60

Securities sold or matured:

\$5000 Maine Central R. R. 4½%, 1912	\$5,000.00
1000 United Electric Securities, Series 30	1,030.00
7000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 4%, 1921	7,000.00
Rights Natl. Shawmut Bank	2,405.79
3000 United Electric Securities, Series 22	3,060.00
50 Shares State National Bank	10,000.00
Rights on 5 shares Puget Sound T. L. & P. Co.	2.00
Adjustment Kansas City Stock Yards Co.	3,020.36
Paid on account note G. St. L. Abbott Tr.	4,000.00
Sale Fractional Currency	2.25
4000 Consolidated Gas & Electric Co., Baltimore, 1913 .	4,000.00
6000 United Electric Securities, Series 31	<u>6,148.80</u>
Total Deduction	<u>45,669.20</u>
Balance, March 31, 1913	<u>\$461,854.40</u>
Decrease during year	\$2,343.05

EXHIBIT II.

CASH ACCOUNT.

<i>Balance on hand, April 1, 1912</i>			\$3,154.27
<i>Receipts during year to March 31, 1913:</i>			
Sale Publications	\$1,652.91		
Royalties, Little, Brown & Co.	12.62		
Rebate on express88		
Income from Investments, net	24,970.95		
Interest on Savings Bank Books	46.15		
" on Bank Balances	153.84		
" from Parkinson & Burr	4.46		
Total Income credited Funds, Exhibit V		26,841.81	
Bequest of Henry W. Haynes		1,000.00	
Securities sold or matured, Exhibit I		45,669.20	
			<u>\$76,665.28</u>
<i>Payments during year to March 31, 1913:</i>			
Investment Account, Securities bought	\$43,280.00		
Interest, Savings Bank Books, not drawn	46.15		
Total additions, Exhibit I	\$43,326.15		
<i>Income Account:</i>			
Bindery	\$1,139.50		
Binding	78.15		
Books, Pamphlets and Manuscripts	486.87		
<i>Building:</i>			
Cleaning	\$249.41		
Engineer	1,032.00		
Fuel	628.05		
Furniture	19.25		
Lighting	94.24		
Repairs	239.45		
Supplies	9.70		
Telephone	107.98		
Water	73.00	2,453.08	
Portraits and Medals		362.10	
Postage		152.10	
<i>Printing:</i>			
Publications,			
Proceedings, vol. 45	\$1,295.02		
" " 46	815.57		
Illustrations and Reprints	595.60		
<i>Collections:</i>			
Bradford's History	4,947.63		
Miscellaneous	81.28	7,735.10	
<i>Salaries:</i>			
Librarian's Assistants	\$4,994.94		
Editor and Assistants	5,830.00	10,824.94	
Stationery		109.54	
Carry forward	\$23,341.38	\$43,326.15	<u>\$76,665.28</u>

CASH ACCOUNT — *Continued.*

Brought forward	\$23,341.38	\$43,326.15	\$76,665.28
Treasurer's office:			
Bond	\$25.00		
Bookkeeper	600.00		
Office Expenses	6.55		
Public Accountant	25.00		
Safety Vault	50.00	706.55	
Miscellaneous		325.73	
Total, charged Funds, Exhibit V		\$24,373.66	
Total Payments			67,699.81
<i>Balance on hand, March 31, 1913</i>			<u>\$8,965.47</u>
<i>Accounted for as follows:</i>			
<i>Balance April 1, 1912</i>		\$3,154.27	
On investment account, Exhibit I		2,343.05	
Receipts for year	\$26,841.81		
Expenditures	24,373.66		
Excess Receipts		2,468.15	
Bequest of Henry W. Haynes		1,000.00	
			<u>\$8,965.47</u>

EXHIBIT III.

INCREASE OF FUNDS IN YEAR 1912-1913.

Amount of Funds, March 30, 1912	\$420,608.61
<i>Added during year:</i>	
Additions to Centenary Funds:	
Anonymous Fund	227.03
J. L. Sibley Fund	2,624.46
Addition to General Fund:	
Bequest of Henry W. Haynes	1,000.00
Total of Funds March 31, 1913	<u>\$424,460.10</u>

EXHIBIT IV.

ACCUMULATED INCOME OF FUNDS.

Balance Accumulated Income, March 30, 1912	\$46,743.11
Income during year, Exhibit II	26,841.81
	<u>\$73,584.92</u>
Expenditures, Exhibit II	24,373.66
	<u>\$49,211.26</u>
Less additions to Centenary Funds	2,851.49
Balance, March 31, 1913	<u>\$46,359.77</u>

EXHIBIT V.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 31, 1913.

	Balance Mar. 30, '12	Income	Expendi- tures	Balance Mar. 31, '13	Funds
Amory	\$1,844.42	\$187.18	\$180.00	\$1,851.60	\$3,000.00
Appleton	6,403.36	761.39	689.50	6,475.25	12,203.00
Bigelow	530.72	124.79	80.68	574.83	2,000.00
Billings	2,849.17	623.93	595.60	2,877.50	10,000.00
Brattle St.	80.89	6.82		87.71	100.00
Chamberlain	68.09	76.90	73.00	71.99	1,232.33
Dowse	21.11	623.93	600.00	45.04	10,000.00
Ellis	268.24	1,975.67	1,638.54	605.37	31,666.66
Frothingham	2,692.39	187.18	175.00	2,704.57	3,000.00
General	901.72	2,875.36	3,675.65	101.43	45,427.43
Hunnewell	476.67	311.97		788.64	5,000.00
Lawrence	1,378.39	187.18	100.00	1,465.57	3,000.00
Lowell	382.06	187.18	175.00	394.24	3,000.00
Mass. Hist. Trust	5,223.06	623.93	532.90	5,314.09	10,000.00
Parker	10.47	39.33	24.08	25.72	1,000.00
Peabody	40.36	1,609.51	815.57	834.30	22,123.00
Salisbury	60.16	311.97	259.95	112.18	5,000.00
Savage	356.78	374.36	131.90	599.24	6,000.00
C. A. L. Sibley	224.43	1,404.44	1,545.71	83.16	22,509.48
J. L. Sibley	7,043.07	8,409.76	10,470.17	4,982.66	121,077.00
Slafter	98.46	62.39		160.85	1,000.00
Waterston No. 1	1,745.24	311.97	433.28	1,623.93	5,000.00
Waterston No. 2	4,163.65	693.93	595.90	4,261.68	10,000.00
Waterston No. 3	2,378.01	693.93	599.12	2,472.82	10,000.00
Waterston Library	390.22	241.88	108.75	523.35	3,875.14
R. C. Winthrop	5,453.92	623.93	431.72	5,646.13	10,000.00
T. L. Winthrop	322.70	147.54	140.00	330.24	2,364.66
Wm. Winthrop	1,335.35	311.97	301.64	1,345.68	5,000.00
Balance, Mar. 30, 1912	\$46,743.11				
Income	23,990.32	\$23,990.32			
	\$70,733.43				
Sibley Centenary		2,624.46			55,113.70
Anonymous Centenary		227.03			4,767.70
Total Income		\$26,841.81			
Expenditures	24,373.66		\$24,373.66		
Balance, Income	\$46,359.77			\$46,359.77	
Total Funds					\$424,460.10

The income for the year derived from the investments and credited to the several funds in proportion to the amount in which they stand on the Treasurer's books was six per cent on the funds.

The real estate, which is entirely unincumbered, stands on the books at \$97,990.32, but is valued by the City Assessors at \$196,000. The aggregate amount of the permanent funds including unexpended balances represented by securities at par and deposits is \$481,966.42, as per schedules of investments given above.

ARTHUR LORD,
Treasurer.

BOSTON, April 1, 1913.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society as made up to April 1, 1913, have attended to that duty, and report that they find that the securities held by the Treasurer for the several funds correspond with the statement in his Annual Report.

They have engaged the services of Mr. Gideon M. Mansfield, a Certified Public Accountant, who reports to them that he finds the accounts correctly kept and properly vouched, that the balance of cash on hand is satisfactorily accounted for, and that the trial balance is accurately taken from the Ledger.

HAROLD MURDOCK,
HENRY H. EDES,
Committee.

BOSTON, April 7, 1913.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The LIBRARIAN reported that during the year there have been added to the Library:

	Given	Bought	Total
Books	873	111	989 ¹
Pamphlets	1198	22	1220
Newspapers, bound			5
Manuscripts, bound	13	1	34 ²
Pieces	169	53	222
Broadsides	34	50	84
Maps	36		

¹ 5 made up by binding.

² 20 made up by binding.

In the collection of manuscripts there are now 1305 volumes, 192 unbound volumes, 108 pamphlets with manuscript notes, and 17,571 manuscripts.

Of the books in the Rebellion Department, 9 volumes have been given and 1 bought; and of the pamphlets added, 16 have been given and 1 bought. There are now in this collection 3532 volumes, 6596 pamphlets, 510 broadsides and 111 maps.

The Library now contains 54,977 volumes, 116,473 pamphlets and 4997 broadsides.

The Library sustained a loss during the year in the death of Alfred Baylies Page on August 9. He first became connected with the Library on October 12, 1883, and had been an assistant for nearly twenty-nine years. This is the first death in the Library staff during a period of more than threescore years.

REPORT OF THE CABINET-KEEPER.

The CABINET-KEEPER reported the following additions to the Cabinet during the past year:

Paintings:

Joseph Willard, by Mrs. Lilla Cabot Perry (*Proceedings*, XLV. 579).

Engravings:

George Washington, by Ormsby (p. 1, *supra*).

John Quincy Adams, after Copley (p. 253, *supra*).

Jonathan Boucher, and Myles Cooper (p. 253, *supra*).

William Stedman, by St. Memin (p. 303, *supra*).

First Church, Boston, by C. J. Watson (p. 303, *supra*).

Christ Church, Boston, by Axel H. Haig (p. 303, *supra*).

Christian Remick's Boston Harbor, 1768, by S. L. Smith (p. 339, *supra*).

Of distinguished men (p. 339, *supra*).

Photographs:

Portrait of George R. Minot (*Proceedings*, XLV. 577).

Miniature of William Hickling (*Proceedings*, XLV. 577).

Portrait of Caleb Cushing (*Proceedings*, XLV. 627).

Portrait-sketch of Martha Washington, by Alexander Hamilton (p. 175, *supra*).

Photographs and engravings (p. 175, *supra*).

Daguerreotype of Daniel Webster (p. 241, *supra*).

Watch and seals of Cotton Mather (p. 253, *supra*).

Medals:

Phi Beta Kappa medal, Psi Upsilon pin, etc. (p. 241, *supra*).

Gold medal, 100th anniversary of American Independence (p. 253, *supra*).

Medals and coins relating to Massachusetts (p. 303, *supra*).

Cardinal O'Connell (p. 379, *supra*).

Medallion of Worthington C. Ford, by T. Spicer-Simson (p. 379, *supra*).

New York City Hall, and coins and store-cards (p. 379, *supra*).

Other Objects:

Note, Massachusetts Bay, 1780 (*Proceedings*, XLV. 577).

Fieldglass and watch of General John Thomas (p. 1, *supra*).

Watch of Mather Byles (p. 249, *supra*).

Table of Thomas Jefferson (p. 253, *supra*).

United States fractional currency (p. 253, *supra*).

Bust of Noah Webster (p. 303, *supra*).

Bust of Rev. John Pierce (p. 380, *supra*).

Bas-relief of Charles Gordon Greene (p. 379, *supra*).

Table of John Crocker, 1636 (p. 379, *supra*).

During the year the restoration of the portrait of Increase Mather has been completed by Mr. H. D. Murphy.

The Council has appointed Dr. Malcolm Storer as the Curator of Coins and Medals, in the department of the Cabinet-Keeper; and he has submitted the following note:

The collection of coins and medals of the Society now numbers some 3900 specimens. It has been thought wise to specialize as much as possible in the direction of pieces dealing directly with the numismatic history of Massachusetts, and accordingly there have been purchased this year about 100 Massachusetts coins and medals, bringing the number of such pieces in our collection to 263. It is proposed to continue to acquire Massachusetts medals as opportunity shall offer.

In the absence of Mr. GAY, Mr. SWIFT, for the Committee, read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY AND THE CABINET.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Library and the Cabinet has performed its duties and now submits the customary report.

Under the courteous escort of Mr. Norcross, the Cabinet-Keeper, and of Mr. Tuttle, the Assistant Librarian, we examined such details as seemed necessary to our purpose. The Library shows a gratifying improvement as regards the appearance of the books and other material on the shelves. Much of this material is unbound and difficult to arrange so that the shelves shall present a neat and well-maintained appearance, but the result of careful handling and collocation is excellent. In the main stack where the principal manuscript collections are kept the temperature seemed cool and dry, and thus well fitted for proper preservation of such valuable possessions. The other stack, over the working room of the institution, also shows a gain in physical condition, there now being very little wood-work to menace our property in case of fire. As long as fire is a conceivable, however improbable, fact, every possible means should be devised to protect particularly the irreplaceable documents in our possession. We make no definite recommendations in this direction, but it has seemed to us that a few large strong canvas bags arranged so that they could be slung from windows and lowered with ropes which should accompany such bags, might be worthy of consideration. Such sets as the Heath and Pickering collections could be quickly packed into such receptacles, and lowered or dragged down the stairways.

The growth of the Library as a whole is still slow, five hundred volumes representing the average yearly increment. It would be a grave mistake to rest too largely on past renown with the idea of sustaining the reputation which the Society still enjoys. Sooner or later there must be a considerable reinforcement of the present admirable collection, if the Society wishes to increase or even to maintain its standing as an institution to which modern scholars may hopefully resort.

But such suggestions as these have no particular application to the past year, during a large part of which the Librarian, Dr. Green, has been prevented from putting into operation such activities as he may have had in mind.

Our rather hurried inspection of the Cabinet, which includes the collection of coins and medals, and the assemblage of portraits and other objects of historical interest and value, gave rise to several reflections. Such possessions stand, in the general opinion, and perhaps in the opinion of most members, as

"curiosities." They are, as a matter of fact, more than this. But regarded in this light, their chief purpose remains unfulfilled if they cannot be seen and admired. We, therefore, think it would be well if our small but excellent collection of coins and medals, or at least some of its most interesting examples, could be placed where it could be looked at, without disturbing an official to show it.

The room or museum on the first floor is quite a different problem. Your Committee understands that eventually more space will be provided back of the present over-crowded room. But meanwhile the existing situation calls for some consideration. During recent years it has been a commendable practice in the public schools of Boston to take small bodies of pupils under the escort of a teacher to visit the various historic spots and institutions in the city. Hardly a day passes that groups of children do not have an opportunity to see the State House, the Old State House (including the rooms of the Bostonian Society), the Public Library, and other well-known spots. We hazard the statement that the very existence of our own historic museum is practically unknown to the majority of Boston teachers. But even though they were well informed on this matter, we are in no condition to welcome young visitors, were the President of the Society to invite by a circular letter all teachers to afford their scholars an opportunity to see what we have to interest and inform them. The objectivation of history may have no great interest for mature minds, but it certainly has for young people. It would be an excellent thing for this ancient Society to open its treasures in this way.

A grouping of our historical relics ought some day to be made a serious task. At present there is no arrangement by epochs or by subject. A grouping, for instance, of articles of household use and wear, of warlike implements, and other classifications might be profitably carried out. Or, we might arrange the objects into Colonial, Provincial, Revolutionary and other groups. Something might be done even now by eliminating a number of objects of secondary interest, and by retaining only the best examples for public display, until we have more room. It has appeared to your Committee, for instance, that our collection is sufficiently provided with cannon-balls; some of them might advisedly be removed to a reserve collec-

tion. We are aware that it costs a pang to do away with anything that we have long been accustomed to see, but all growing museums and galleries have had to face this problem, and by selection have greatly improved the working value of their collections. By a little firmness we could greatly improve our small but valuable array. More room might be made in the centre of this display room by placing the large frames, containing engravings, etc., in the main entrance hall.

To these details, pointing to improvement through elimination, we respectfully and in no spirit of hostile criticism call the Society's attention.

EDWIN F. GAY, }
LINDSAY SWIFT, } *Committee.*

Mr. LOVERING, for the Committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year, made a report, upon which a ballot was taken.

The officers are as follows:

President.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

Vice-Presidents.

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN.

JAMES FORD RHODES.

Recording Secretary.

EDWARD STANWOOD.

Corresponding Secretary.

WILLIAM ROSCOE THAYER.

Treasurer.

ARTHUR LORD.

Librarian.

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN.

Cabinet-Keeper.

GRENVILLE HOWLAND NORCROSS.

Editor.

WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD.

Members-at-Large of the Council.

ROBERT SAMUEL RANTOUL.

MARK ANTONY DEWOLFE HOWE.

WILLIAM VAIL KELLEN.

FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, JR.

Mr. SANBORN suggested the advisability of printing a list of the manuscripts in the possession of the Society, and the matter was referred to the Council.

Professor CHANNING made some interesting statements as to the cost of living in the nineteenth century based upon the account books of the Rev. John Pierce, of Brookline, now in the Society's possession.

Remarks were made during the meeting by Messrs. SANBORN, J. C. WARREN, and RHODES.